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For: **METHOD OF MODIFYING GUM ARABIC, MODIFIED GUM ARABIC  
OBTAINED BY THE METHOD, AND USE THEREOF**

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**  
**PURSUANT TO 37 CFR 1.97(b)**

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Sir:

The attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the documents listed on the attached Form PTO-1449. These documents are an EPO Office Communication dated September 8, 2010, in connection with the corresponding European patent application No. 05721387.8 and European Search Report dated September 8, 2010, in connection with the corresponding European patent application No. 10007460.8. One copy of each of these documents is attached. The references cited in these Office Communication and Search Report were previously submitted in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office with Information Disclosure Statements filed on September 19, 2006, and September 9, 2008.

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The above information is presented so that the Patent and Trademark Office can, in the first instance, determine any materiality thereof to the claimed invention. It is respectfully requested that the information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the documents cited in the attached Form PTO-1449 be made of record therein and appear on the first page of any patent to issue therefrom.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge our Deposit Account No. 01-2340 for any fee which is deemed by the Patent and Trademark Office to be required to effect consideration of this statement.

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